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BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will be hosting a series of community meetings to inform the public about the department's Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program and Mercury Initiative.

The meetings are as follows:

August 15 – Lake Charles Room 104 – McNeese School of Nursing 550 Sale Road 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

August 22 – Shreveport

Louisiana Tech University Technology Transfer Station Seminar Room 4 8082 Shrevepark Drive 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

August 29 – Lafayette

DEQ Acadiana Office 111 New Center Drive Lafayette, La. 70508 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be a presentation on the free services that DEQ's Small Business/Small Community Assistance Program offers to navigate compliance and permitting issues. A presentation on mercury, recycling, disposal, clean-up and fish advisories will follow. After the presentations, staff will be on hand to answer questions.

All interested parties are invited to attend. For more information on the DEQ Small Business/Small Assistance Program go to <a href="http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/85/Default.aspx">http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/85/Default.aspx</a>. For more information on the mercury initiative, go to <a href="http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Default.aspx">http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Default.aspx</a>?tabid=287.

